

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	§	Attorney Docket No. 31132.70/ PC877.07
Bryan et al.	§	
	§	Customer No. 46333
Serial No.: 09/924,298	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: August 8, 2001	§	
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

I. Introductory Comments

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed March 27, 2008 and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 CFR 1.114 along with the required fee. A 1-month extension of time is hereby requested and the required fee is included herewith.

No additional fees other than those included herewith are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including additional extension of time fees, are necessary, the additional extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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